(c) and (d) There is uneven distribution of doctors in urban and rural areas leading to shortage of doctors in rural areas mainly due to reluctance of the doctors to work in the rural areas. However, as per information furnished by Medical Council of India, the total number of registered allopathic doctors in the country is 7,48,757. In addition there more than six lakh practitioners of Indian system of medicine and Homoeopathy. Currently, there are 300 medical colleges in the country for teaching modern system of medicine with annual intake of 35,252 who add up to the existing medical manpower.

Progress of NRHM in Andhra Pradesh

1304. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received the progress of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the shortcomings which have been noticed with details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take to plug these shortcomings and make NRHM a success in the State and the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes. The Government has received the progress report of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in Andhra Pradesh. The State has reported effective and efficient implementation of NRHM. As per the latest report, 21,916 village Health and Sanitation Committees (VHSCs) have been constituted and 21,916 Joint Accounts are operational in the State. Rogi Kalyan Samiti is operational at 16 District Hospitals, 168 Community Health Centres (CHCs) and 1573 Primary Health Centres (PHCs). All the districts have started developing their own Integrated District health Action Plan (IDHAP). A total of 690 PHCs have been strengthened with three Staff Nurses each to make them functional 24x7. A total of 58 Sub-district

Hospitals, 120 CHCs including facilities below district level and 16 District Hospitals are functioning as First Referral Units (FRUs). About 17 districts have functional Mobile medical unit (MMU).

70,700 Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) have been selected and 68,500 are trained in 1st Module. About 51,201 ASHAs have been provided with drug kits. 10,322 Sub-centres are functional with an ANM.

9505 Sub-centres (SCs) are strengthened with 2nd ANM. As far as manpower expansion is concerned, 121 Staff Nurses, 9505 ANMs have been recruited on contractual basis.

The State has been advised to accelerate the implementation of steps for institutional care for new born, rationalizing the position of health human resources etc. Regular State visits and hand-holding Workshops are conducted to address the areas which need support in the State.

Experience sharing Workshops are also convened where States share their best practices for benefit of other States.

Deaths due to common diseases

†1305. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more people are dying in the country from other prevalent diseases than swine flu;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the total number of deaths till date in the country in 2008-09 caused by swine flu, diarrhoea, malaria, dengue and other prevalent diseases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the testing of swine flu has been made more easy and effective in the private sector hospitals as compared to the Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the changes made for swine flu test in Government and private hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes. There have been 561 deaths among laboratory confirmed cases of Swine flu (as on 26.11.2009). But the number of deaths due to other prevalent diseases is more than swine flu. The details in this regard are:-

The number of deaths due to Vector Borne Diseases reported in the country during 2008, 2009 are given below:

Year	Diseases			
	Malaria	Dengue	AES including JE (Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis)	Kalaazar
2008	935	80	684	146
2009	619 (till Sept.)	56 (till 16th Nov.)	605 (till 17th Nov.)	57 (till Sept.)

- As per the National Health Profile-2008, deaths due to Diarrhoeal Diseases during 2008 were 2841.
- As per latest estimates, about 328,000 people died of tuberculosis in the year 2008-09.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.